

First Presbyterian Church

*Polson and Dayton
Flathead Lake Parish*

✝ The Sending Forth

One: I will give you as a light to the world, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

All: All nations will come to your light and kings to the rightness of you rising.

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

All: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world, so, let your light so shine before all that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven."

✝ Hymn of Celebration:

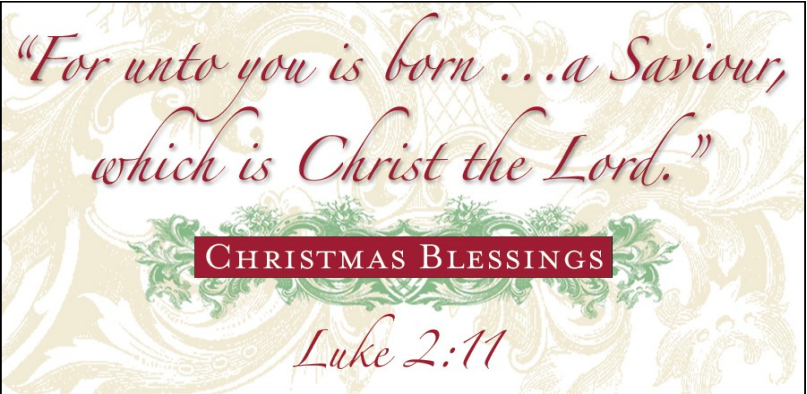
No.40

"Joy to the World"

✝ Benediction Postlude

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DECEMBER 24, 2020

✝ Stand if you are able.

Christmas Eve 2020 Candlelight Service

WE GATHER TO GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFT

Lighting of Advent Wreath

✠ Call to Worship

One: How I love you, Lord! You are my defender.

All (softly): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

One: You are my savior, my strong fortress, my protector. I am safe in You.

All (louder): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

One: Lord, You defend me like a shield, You defend me and keep me safe.

All (boldly): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

One: I call to the Lord who is worthy to be praised. God saves me from my enemies.

All (loudly): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

One: In my trouble I called on the Lord: I called to my God for help.

All (quietly): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

All (softly): O Lord, You are my light and dispel my darkness.

✠ Hymn of Praise

No. 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S LIGHT COMING INTO THIS WORLD

The Prophecies of Old

Isaiah 7:13, 14

Isaiah 11:1-9

Micah 5:2-5a

Isaiah 49:5-7

Isaiah 2:2-5

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 2

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 3

No. 9

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty God. You have always loved your creation. At the beginning of time you looked at your creation and said, “It is good.” You especially looked at human beings and knew You had done a good job. You enjoyed your moments of walking with us in the cool of the garden. You have always cherished those times of spiritual intimacy because You made us spiritual beings. But, in the midst of your desire to be close to us, we have wandered from You. We have lost our way. Thank You for becoming one of us in Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. Thank You for forgiving our wanderings. Thank You for drawing us back to You. Thank You for this season which reminds us of your love and grace given through the baby of Bethlehem. In his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Song of Response

“What Child Is This”

No. 53

THE STORY OF THE COMING OF GOD'S LIGHT IN WORD AND SONG

Scripture: Luke 2:1-5

Christmas Carol

“Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 44

Scripture: Luke 2:6, 7

Christmas Carol:

“Away in a Manger”

No. 25

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12

Christmas Carol:

“Hark, The Herald Angel Sings

No. 31

Scripture: Luke 2:13-20

Special Music:

“Mary Did You Know”

Special Music

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Meditation:

“Genesis”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATING GOD'S LIGHT IN OUR WORLD

The Darkening of the Sanctuary

(As the lights are turned off in the sanctuary, please turn on your electric candle and listen as we read of the Good News of God's Light coming into our world as recorded in the Gospel of John.)

✠ Hymn of Reflection

“Silent Night”

No. 60